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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a Response and Amendment to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, the date for response to which is extended to June 28, 2005 by the accompanying Request for a Three Month Extension of Time, which Request is included below in this Response and Amendment.